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1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESS IN MONROVIA PLAYED UP THE POINT THAT AMERICA SHOULD LOOK TO ITS "FRIENDS." THIS WAS REFLECTED IN THIS EXCERPT FROM HIS TOAST DURING A DINNER IN HIS HONOR: QUOTE:... IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DECIDED THAT WE SHOULD START WITH OUR FRIENDS IN STATE VISITS. HE BEGAN WITH PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE SOUTH; AND THEN HE ENTERTAINED THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE NORTH. THE FIRST VISIT THAT OUR VICE PRESIDENT TOOK WAS TO RE-ASSURE OUR FRIENDS IN EUROPE THAT OUR FOREIGN POLICY WILL NO LONGER BE A FOREIGN POLICY THAT COURTED OUR ENEMIES TO THE NEGLECT OF OUR FRIENDS.

BUT, I MUST CONFESS INSOFAR AS I HAD TO DO WITH THE DECISION ABOUT AFRICAN POLICY, I DID NOT FOLLOW THE LEAD OF MY PRESIDENT. AND, SO I COME BEFORE MY BROTHERS, WHO ARE AMERICA'S LONGEST AND BEST FRIENDS IN AFRICA, TO BEG YOUR INDULGENCE AND YOUR APOLOGIES (CHEERS). FOR I HAVE TO CONFESS THAT OUR APPROACH TO THE AFRICAN CONTINENT WAS MUCH MORE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE PLACES WHERE THERE ARE TROUBLE AND PROBLEMS, RATHER THAN FROM WHERE THERE ARE FRIENDS AND ALLIES. AND THE MISTAKE THERE IS THAT ONCE YOU GET DEEP IN THE

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TROUBLES, YOU REALIZE THAT YOU CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT THOSE TROUBLES ALONE, AND THAT ONLY WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES CAN YOU BEGIN TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THOSE PROBLEMS (CHEERS)... END QUOTE.

2. IN DISCUSSING HIS CURRENT AFRICAN TRIP, HE TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE WAS VISITING THE MORE MODERATE AFRICAN STATES, WHICH IN FACT "MAY BE THE MOST REVOLUTIONARY ONES." HE EXPLAINED: QUOTE: IF YOU

DEFINE REVOLUTION AS I DO, AS ESSENTIALLY THE DELIVERANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE BOTTOM OF THE ECONOMY, PER CAPITA INCOME, FOR INSTANCE, IN LIBERIA IS GREATER THAN ANY PLACE IN BLACK AFRICA. I UNDERSTAND FROM AMERICAN AMBASSADOR (BEVERLY) CARTER THAT 85 PERCENT OF THE LIBERIAN POPULATION PARTICIPATES IN THE MONEY ECONOMY. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, HEALTH SERVICES AND THE GENERAL CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN LIBERIA OR IN IVORY COAST -- COUNTRIES THAT ARE OFTEN CONDEMNED FOR BEING TOO MODERATE -- ACTUALLY SURPASS THE LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT OF SOME MORE REVOLUTIONARY STATES, WHICH ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SERVING THEIR PEOPLE. BUT IF YOU COMPARE THE RESULTS AND NOT JUST ENGAGE IN RHETORIC, THE RESULTS ARE COMING IN THE FREE ECONOMIES AND IN MORE DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES, THE TOTALITARIAN SOCIETIES OR AUTHORITARIAN SOCIETIES MAY BE TALKING REVOLUTION, BUT THEIR PEOPLE ARE NOT RECEIVING THE BENEFITS." END QUOTE.

3. TO A QUESTION ON WHAT HE HOPED TO GAIN IN HIS PROPOSED VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA, HE REPLIED: QUOTE: I DON'T HOPE TO GAIN ANYTHING IN SOUTH AFRICA, BUT I DO THINK THAT THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA IS ONE IN WHICH THE PEOPLE THERE, BLACK AND WHITE, HAVE A LOT TO GAIN OR A LOT TO LOSE. AND I THINK THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FEELS OUR STAKE IN SOUTH AFRICA IS AVOIDING MASSIVE BLOODSHED. WE HAVE SAID THAT, I THINK, TO THE MIDDLE EAST, AND I THINK THAT BOTH ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL REALIZE THAT SETTLEMENT CAN ONLY COME IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH U.S. INFLUENCE, AND AGGRESSIVELY APPLIED. AND, ALMOST ALL THE PARTIES HAVE ACCEPTED OUR MODERATE, BUT AGGRESSIVE ROLE IN PUSHING TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE. I THINK WE FEEL THE SAME THING IS TRUE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. BUT, FOR ALL THE TALK ABOUT ARM STRUGGLE, THERE IS STILL NO POWER, QUITE SO POWERFUL

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AS THE POWER OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, AND IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF. AND THOSE POLICIES OF CHANGE WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY SANCTIONS SO MUCH AS THEY WILL BY MUCH MORE FLEXIBLE AND CREATIVE APPROACHES THAT WILL BE INITIATED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND OUR WESTERN ALLIES THAT HAPPENED TO BE THE MAIN TRADING PARTNERS IN SOUTH AFRICA. END QUOTE.

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